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**RE: Court Order for Documents *Commonwealth v.* [REDACTED]
BDC Docket Number: [REDACTED]**

Dear Mr. Gedraitis:

In response to your letter dated March 19, 2012, I am providing the following information requested regarding the *Commonwealth v.* [REDACTED] The following items are enclosed in accordance with Judge O'Dea's order:

- 1) Copy of the evidence log for sample [REDACTED] showing that Annie Dookhan signed for the evidence
- 2) Copy of the evidence log for sample [REDACTED] showing that Annie Dookhan signed for the evidence
- 3) Copy of the electronic record of evidence transfer for samples [REDACTED]
- 4) Copy of the laboratory protocol (dated 9/29/2004) which was in use in 2006
- 5) Copy of the Drug Receipt for samples [REDACTED] indicating that evidence officer, Gloria Phillips received the evidence from the Brockton Police on January 12, 2006.

In response to question 6 of your letter, the following measures have been implemented following the alleged breach in protocol:

A) *Changes in policy*

Access to the Evidence Office has been further restricted to Evidence Office staff and the Drug Laboratory Supervisor. Chemists now receive and return evidence through an evidence window.

B) *Training*

Staff were made aware of and trained in the new evidence handling procedures.

C) *Hiring*

Prospective employees are screened for minimum entrance requirements, interviewed by a selection team, provide professional references and undergo a Criminal Offender Records Investigation prior to employment. No changes have been made to this procedure.

D) *Actions Taken Against Ms. Dookhan*

Multiple options here based on what an “action” is

- No actions were taken against Ms. Dookhan OR
- Ms. Dockhan was assigned to technical writing duties pending an internal investigation into the alleged breach. She was still performing those duties when she decided to resign her position on XX-XX-2012 OR
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Sincerely,

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